



The Catholic Communities of Holdingford, St. Anna and St. Wendel

All Saints, Holdingford
Immaculate Conception, St. Anna
St. Columbkille, St. Wendel



Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 19, 2023

Central Office in Holdingford

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Confession Times: Before daily Mass
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Marriage: Couples are to begin
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and **must** call the Central Office to
meet with Father Gregory **before**
setting a date. Diocesan Marriage
Preparation Classes are required.

Baptism: Call the Central Office to
schedule Baptism.

New Parishioners: Please introduce
yourself to Father after Mass and call
the Central Office. If you are leaving our
parishes please call the central office so
we can update our census. Thank you!

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Central Office

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*The Greek word for
Eucharist is
Eucharistia which means
Thanksgiving.*

Thanksgiving Prayer

This Thanksgiving, let us
remember all the good things,
and people, who have come into
our lives. We focus on thanking
each one who has helped us, and
ultimately thank God for the good
gifts of this world.

Let us pray...

God our Father,

Graciously accept from your humble people
a thankful heart and spirit.

Everything we have and are able to share with others
ultimately comes from your love of your creations.

Often we think that everything we have
is our own creation; we ask you this day to create in us
a spirit of gratitude, that we may always know
that all good gifts come from you.

We ask this through Christ our brother, in the power of the
Holy Spirit. Amen



Decorations outside Immaculate
Conception.

Thank you to Kath Cattle & Grain
for the Corn Stalks and to Lloyd
Smith Farm for the bales.

New Evangelization Corner

~Deacon Dan Dullinger



Why do we need a "Eucharistic Revival"?

The Holy Spirit inspired the Bishops of the Diocese of the United States to start a "Eucharistic Revival", for the Church, and in particular for us in this, the revivals "Year of the Parish". I think the question we should be asking is... WHY?

Multiple times in my ministry after talking to people about what is going on at Mass on the Altar, some even regular Mass attendee's, I received surprising responses. They say things like: I never knew that, or, I have been going to Church my whole life and nobody ever explained that to me, or, why is it I never heard that before?

From recent studies and polls from research groups, we now know that as much as 70% of Catholics no longer believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, and so it follows, we won't reverence what we don't believe in. Below is what St. Paul himself said about approaching the True Presence of Jesus with non-reverence, and it also answers why we need the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving our Lord when in serious sin.

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes. Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord. A person should examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body, eats and drinks judgment* on himself. (1 Cor 11:26-29)*

My brothers and sisters in Christ, do you want to go deeper ?

Give Jesus some of your time and participate in this revival, join us for the book study, "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist", our annual Advent book offering. The participation instructions will be posted soon, a limited number of books will be available free of charge during Advent; there is study guide that is easy to use. Start forming your small groups now, perhaps meet in your homes, details coming soon. Make the effort and the Mass and receiving Jesus in the Eucharist will never be the same. May God bless you, Deacon Dan.

The Healing Power of God: Remember in prayer all who are in need of the Lord's healing and strength especially:



Dave Scegura, Pat & Ken Euteneuer, David Platz Jr., Claude Opatz, Theresa Johannes, Carol Kuklok, Tom Studniski, Katie Yurczk, Judy Schehr, Jim Ruprecht, Ardith Mosier, Sharon Prokott, Geraldine Kunstleben, Gary Lange, Linda Harren, Don Wentland, Don Breth, Rose Ann Pflueger & Melvin Hartung

Eucharistic Adoration

Cluster Adoration is every Monday at All Saints – St. Hedwig's. 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Come encounter our Eucharistic Lord!



Proudly Airing Relevant Radio™

Listen to the Rosary

led by Fr. Gregory and Fr. Mark Stang on KASM 1150 AM at 6:00 p.m. daily.

Listen to Fr. Gregory's

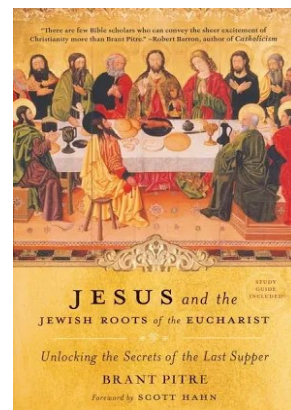
Rural Life Radio Show on KYES 1180 or 93.5 FM at 8:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. Friday.

Night Prayer

Join Fr. Gregory in prayer most nights at 9:00 p.m. on his Facebook page. We are averaging over 250 families each night. You can ask for a request that Father keeps in his prayers. Night Prayer is added to our webpage the next day to watch anytime. www.tworiverscatholic.com

Protect us Lord as we stay awake.
Watch over us as we sleep.
That awake we may keep watch with Christ and asleep, rest in His peace.

This Advent
get together with
friends and family
to go deeper
in your relationship
with
Jesus!



Please let us know if you'd like to be added or taken off the prayer list. Let Fr. Gregory know if you are in need of a blessing for illness or having a surgery.

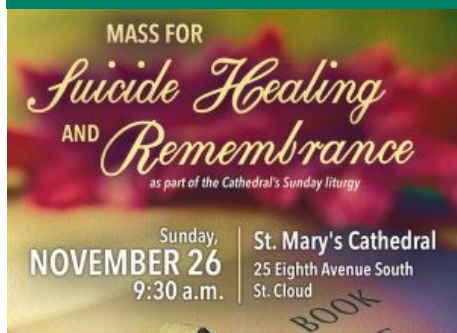
Prayer lines

All Saints: (call or text) Joan Frie (320) 241-3264 & Val Hommerding (320) 746-9921

Immaculate Conception: Christine Maleska (320) 356-7246

St. Columbkille: Esther Struzyk (320) 251-4984 & Susan Opatz (320) 363-8160

News & Events



"Whoever suffers mental illness always bears God's image and likeness, and has an inalienable right to be considered a person and treated as such." ~St. Pope John Paul II

As many as one in four families will experience some form of mental illness and the accompanying effects. Mental illness can strike anyone regardless of creed, color, gender, status or age. Those experiencing a mental illness often feel isolated due to stigma and discrimination in society, at work, in their homes, and even in faith communities. As members of the Body of Christ, we are called to encounter and accompany the living Christ in all persons. Whether you are suffering from a mental health challenge or illness or walking with a family member or friend in their struggles, please check out the resources for help. <https://stdcio.org/about-mental-health-ministry/>.

Catholic Rural Life, a national Catholic nonprofit organization dedicated to the vitality of the American countryside, is helping to spread the message about the 24/7 confidential "Minnesota Farm & Rural Helpline" to all Catholic dioceses in Minnesota. Need help finding a confidential financial or legal adviser? **Call the hotline at 833-600-2670.** Farmers are facing hard times and this is one way we can help them. This helpline is offered by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.



The Poor Clare Sister rely on the generosity of others to provide for their needs. Give thanks to them for all their prayers for us by sharing some of your gifts. Some of the items they need are: canned goods, cold cereal, white out, tape, stamps, 9V batteries and soft erasers.

THE BLESSING OF SAINT CLARE

May Almighty God bless you.
May He look upon you
with the eyes of His mercy
and give you His peace.
Here below may He pour forth
His graces on you abundantly
And in heaven my He place you
among His Saints. Amen.

Poor Clare Monastery, 421 S. 4th Street Sauk Rapids, Minnesota



Spirit of Gratitude

"It is the spirit of gratitude which draws upon us the overflow of God's grace, ... for no sooner have we thanked Him for one blessing than He hastens to send us ten additional favors in return. Then, when we show our gratitude for these new gifts, He multiplies His benedictions to such a degree that there seems to be a constant stream of divine grace ever coming our way." ~St. Therese



Weekly Readings

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Stewardship as a Way of Life:

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities." – Matthew 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, and to be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the ones that means the most to you.



Monthly Online Giving

Financial Contributions

ONLINE GIVING

October 2023

AS \$ 2,776.00

IC \$ 3,345.00

SC \$ 710.00

Weekly Offering

Financial Contributions

PARISH INCOME

Nov. 12, 2023

AS \$

IC \$

SC \$

Unavailable due to early
Thanksgiving bulletin

Thank you for your generosity!

"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." ~Luke 12:34

Parish News & Events

All Cluster

Office Hours

During Katie's maternity leave the Office Hours will be Monday-Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Thank you for your understanding!

Rural Catholic Young Adult Group:

Nov. 18th Join us on for prayer, topical information, discussions, and social activities for people ages 18 - 30 who are looking to socialize with other young adults. We meet at 7:00 p.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's, Holdingford on third Saturdays. Meetings include socializing, snacks, and games to follow. For more information contact Katie 423-2203 or Marissa 630-2433.

Women's Group: Nov. 20th

We would like to extend a welcome to all women in the parish to join our vibrant and uplifting group. Our next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at All Saints- St. Mary's.

Men's Group

Did you know we have a men's group that meeting every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's Basement. Join in anytime!

ACC Meeting

Our next ACC meeting will be on Nov. 21st at 8:00 p.m. at All Saints-St. Mary's. Mass at 7:00 p.m. This will be our first meeting with Fr. Jimmy. Welcome Father!

Advent Penance Service: Dec. 10th

Everyone is welcome to join us in St. Francis of Assisi (44055 Hwy 238, Freeport) Confessions from 2-5:00 p.m. 4-5 priests will be available.

But you, brothers and sisters,
are not in darkness, for that day to
overtake you like a thief.

For all of you are children of the
light and children of the day.

(1 Thes 5:4-5)



One of the greatest means of salvation and one of the surest signs of predestination, is unquestionably, the devotion to the Most Blessed Virgin. All the holy doctors of the Church are unanimous in saying with St. Alphonsus of Liguori: **"A devout servant of Mary shall never perish."**

The chief thing is to persevere faithfully until death in this devotion. This practice was revealed to St. Melchilde (13th century) while she was beseeching Our Blessed Mother to assist her in her hour of death. Our Lady appeared to her and said: "I will, certainly. But I also want you to say three special Hail Marys to me every day.

"The first Hail Mary will be in honor of God the Father, Whose omnipotence raised my soul so high above every other creature that after God I have the greatest power in heaven and on earth. In the hour of your death I will use that power of God the Father to keep any hostile power far from you.

"The second Hail Mary will be said in honor of the Son of God Who communicated His inscrutable wisdom to me. In the hour of your death I will fill your soul with the light of that wisdom so that all the darkness of ignorance and error will be dispelled.

"The third Hail Mary will be in honor of God the Holy Ghost Who filled my soul with the sweetness of His love and tenderness and mercy. In your last hour I will then change the bitterness of death into divine sweetness and delight."

After each Hail Mary say:

"By thy pure and Immaculate Conception, O Mary, make my body pure and my soul holy."

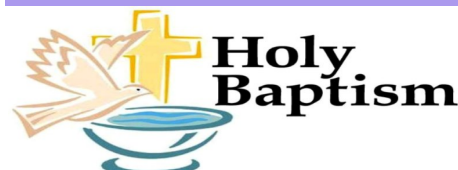
Mary, intercede for us!



Are you Suffering??

All are welcome to join us as we discuss the meaning and value of suffering in our lives. Saturday, November 18th at Pelican Lake Ballroom, St. Anna. The presentation is at 7:00-8:00 p.m. or longer if needed. Social 1/2 before and after.

Immaculate Conception



Angel John Pfannenstern

Son of Eric Hartung
Baptized 11/12/2023

All Saints



Coffee Social: Nov. 19th

Join in our Coffee and Snack Social following Sunday Masses on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. If you would like help serve, call Karen Solarz at 250-6903.

Building Committee


We hired a Liturgical Consultant, Art Lohsen, from Washington D.C. Keep praying for our new church!

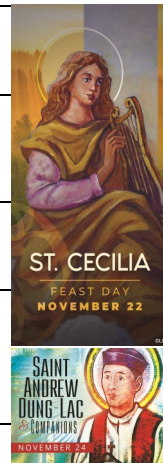
St. Columbkille

The St. Wendel Christian Women Poor Clares

We will be collecting items for the Poor Clares again this year. There will be a box in the back of Church with a list of items they could use. All donations need to be in there by December 17th. Thank you! Annual Christmas Gathering

Christian Women will be holding our annual Christmas gathering on December 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. You're welcome to bring a dish to share. Come enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship.

	<h1>Mass Schedule</h1>		
Mon. Nov. 20	12:05 p.m. St. Mary's Cathedral with the Bishop Neary	✠	For Deceased Deacons and Priest from 2023
Tues. Nov. 21	<i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 7:00 p.m. All Saints-St. Mary's		For Vocations by the St. Isidore Knights of Columbus
Wed. Nov. 22	<i>Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr</i> 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception	✠	Donald Pick
Thur. Nov. 23	St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr; Thanksgiving 9:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Mary's		Thanksgiving for the Jarnot Family
Fri. Nov. 24	<i>Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs</i> No Mass		
Sat. Nov. 25	<i>Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr</i> 5:00 p.m. St. Columbkille		For the People
Sun. Nov. 26	<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i> 8:00 a.m. All Saints-St. Mary's 10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception	✠	Jerome & Kathleen Ebnet for their 65th Anniversary Edward and Theresa Young



Family Faith Formation & GIFFT (*Generations In Family Faith Together*)

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Confirmation Assistant: Katie Vouk

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Youth Minister: Fr. Gregory Mastey

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Pine cone Turkeys



All you need for these felt and pine cone turkeys is a stack of felt, scissors, googly eyes, and some glue. Though I use hot glue for almost everything I make, a white craft glue would work well too—especially for little ones. Felt is so fun to craft with and once you have the pieces trimmed, you can make these pine cone turkeys

come to life with their own personalities. See my step-by-step tutorial of how I made these turkeys. You can download and print the pattern at the end of the post. <https://liagriffith.com/felt-and-pine-cone-turkeys/>

THANKSGIVING
BLESSINGS

Crafts to Instill Thankfulness in Children



Thanksgiving is coming up and I wanted to do a craft with my kids to help them reflect on the things that we are thankful God has given us. How could I let Thanksgiving go by without making a turkey craft? All you need for this craft is an assortment of colored paper, scissors, a marker, a glue stick, and

a thankful heart. Have your child trace their hand and cut it out - they might need help with this. Cut the feathers out of construction paper (I used scalloped craft scissors) and also cut out a yellow triangle and a red teardrop. <https://www.catholicicing.com/religious-thanksgiving-craft-for-kids/>



Illuminate

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:5

Steubenville Youth Summer Trip 2024!

Place: St. Thomas University, St. Paul, Minnesota

When: July 26th and 27th

Who: Current 8-12th graders, join us and other Catholic Youth for a retreat you'll never forget!

Cost: \$500 (Fundraising Available)

Contact: Shelley Vouk for more information or to sign up (320) 248-2860.